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SUBJ: 30TH GA: SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS

1. TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM IS EXPECTED TO BE ONE OF THE TWO AFRICAN MEMBERS OF UN CREDENTIALS COMITE (SENEGAL THE OTHER). SALIM HAS TOLD MISOFF THAT, WHILE AFRICAN GROUP AT UN INTENDS TO OPPOSE ACCEPTANCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS DURING 30TH GA, ALONG LINES FOLLOWED DURING 29TH GA, TANZANIA WOULD LIKE TO FIND SOME WAY "TO AVOID CONFRONTATION".

2. SALIM MAY BE DISSEMBLING. IT WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST TIME. OR, HE MAY SIMPLY WISH TO PUT THE BURDEN FOR FORMULATING SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE WEST, WITH NO REAL EXPECTATION OF IT BEING ACCEPTED BY HIS OWN GROUP.

3. ALTERNATIVELY, HOWEVER, AFRICANS MAY REALLY BE LOOKING FOR SOME WAY OUT, AND SALIM COULD BE THE MAN TO LEAD THEM THERE. IN FACT, FOLLOWING LAST FALL'S SC SESSION DURING WHICH TRIPLE VETO REBUFFED EXPULSION DRAFT, SALIM WAS AMONG THOSE WHO TOLD US THAT "SNOWBALL" "HAD GOTTEN AWAY FROM THE AFRICANS", AND THAT GROUP HAD REALLY NOT INTENDED TO PURSUE QUESTION TO THAT BITTER END. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, WE HAD SUS-
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PECTED DURING THAT DEBATE THAT AFRICANS DID WANT SOMEONE TO

"PROTECT THEM FROM THEMSELVES".

4. WE WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF OUR GOING BACK TO SALIM, UPON HIS RETURN FROM NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA, TO INQUIRE VERY INFORMALLY REGARDING THE DEGREE TO WHICH HE WAS SERIOUS ABOUT HIS PROPOSAL. WOULD SALIM, FOR INSTANCE, CONSIDER ONE MEANS OF FORECLOSING CONFRONTATION TO BE A LATE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY SAG, AND AN EVEN LATER REPORT BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, CONCEIVABLY AS LATE AS THE VERY LAST DAY OF THE SESSION? THE IDEA WOULD BE FOR GA TO REJECT CREDENTIALS AS PER LAST YEAR, PRESIDENT MAKE NO RULING, AND THERE BE NO FURTHER VOTES IN THE COURSE OF WHICH SOUTH AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION WOULD BE CHALLENGED. MISOFF TO WHOM SALIM SPOKE HINTED AT THE TIME ON A PURELY PERSONAL BASIS AT POSSIBILITY ALONG THESE GENERAL LINES, AND SALIM SEEMED TO TAKE IT IN BUT MADE NO COMMENT.
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